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**Cc:** <u>lthorp@cleanwater.org</u>

Subject: Tega Cay Sewage Spills - Violation of Clean Water Act



Dear Public Servants,

My name is Kathleen Brady. I live in Tega Cay, SC You may have heard of us, we are the people fighting for clean water in Lake Wylie for drinking and recreation.

Utilities, Inc./Tega Cay Water Service (UI/TCWS) is threatening our environment with it's decrepit waste water plants dumping more than **500,000 gallons of sewage** into Lake Wylie from January 2013 to January 2014.

As you know, DHEC has fined them twice: \$22,000 and \$60,000. However, those fines are passed onto us, and the money goes to DHEC and York County. Fines for a company as wealthy as UI/TCWS is simply a nuisance to them and it is clear they are not taking the necessary steps to upgrade the infrastructure, even after several rate increases.

We can't sue them in small claims courts, they are protected by law as a private company and as a public utility against consumer suits. We have been patient and waited long enough to have agencies in South Carolina uphold the Federal Clean Water Act as well as the Pollution Control Laws of South Carolina.

We ask you to work for us to rid South Carolina, to rid Tega Cay, of this polluting, law-breaking company and clean up Lake Wylie for the generations to come. We need your

help!

Thank you,

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